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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, UK, UR

SUBJECT: UK GAS LASER SYSTEM TO USSR

REF: COCOM DOC (78) 65

1. UKDEL HAS INDICATED THAT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE  
BRITISH FIRM WHOSE PRODUCT IS INVOLVED IN SUBJECT CASE  
RECENTLY VISITED DEPARTMENT OF TRADE. HE REPORTED THAT  
DURING RECENT TRIP TO U.S. HE HAD HEARD GTE-SYLVANIA  
OFFICIAL STATE THAT HIS FIRM HAD WON CONTRACT FOR  
SUPPLY OF SAME EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN THIS CASE.  
ACCORDING TO UKDEL, BRITISH FIRM OFFICIAL WAS FURIOUS  
AND STATED THAT IT WAS A DISGRACE THAT THE USG WAS  
HOLDING UP HIS FIRM'S EXPORT SO THAT A U.S. FIRM  
COULD OBTAIN THE BUSINESS. UKDEL STATED THAT HIS  
AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE THE BRITISH BUSINESSMAN'S  
ALLEGATION BUT WOULD LIKE THE U.S. AUTHORITIES  
TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE LONG DELAYS OFTEN INVOLVED  
IN THE U.S. CONSIDERATION OF THE EXCEPTION REQUESTS,  
AS IN THE SUBJECT CASE, CAN GIVE RISE THISXKTO  
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SUSPICION OF U.S. MOTIVES. THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES  
HOPE THAT THE U.S. CAN EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION OF THIS  
CASE WHICH WILL BE ON AGENDA JULY 4 MEETING.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: FINAL U.S. POSITION ON SUBJECT  
CASE BY JULY 4.  
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